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SHORTER NOTES

AN INTERESTING TROPICAL LICHEN NEW TO THE UNITED STATES.—Some time ago Mr. W. S. Labrot sent me a small lot of lichens collected at Avery Island, New Orleans, Louisiana, by Mr. Edward McIlhenny, in January, 1915. Among them was one which was kindly determined for me by Dr. L. W. Riddle as *Trypethelium madreporiforme* Eschw. (in Martius' *Flora Brasiliensis* 1: 156. 1833). As this species has been known previously from South America only, where it has been found in Brazil, French Guiana, and Colombia, its occurrence in the United States is of considerable interest. Furthermore, it is the only member of the Trypetheliaceae found in the United States that has muriform spores. It should, therefore, now be placed in the genus *Laurera* as *Laurera madreporiformis* (Eschw.) Riddle in litt. **comb. nov.**

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REVIEWS

*Fungoid Diseases of Farm and Garden Crops**

This condensed treatise on plant diseases is addressed mainly to farmers, gardeners, and agricultural students, as well as to lecturers and others who teach agricultural subjects. The author has discussed the more important diseases of the common field and garden crops necessarily very briefly, but nevertheless with scientific accuracy. He apparently has a clear conception of the practical needs and limitations of the modern agriculturist and has undoubtedly succeeded in presenting a very readable and, withal, accurate and useful little book. Professor Bessey has contributed a prefatory note, besides some subject matter on a few of the pages.

Following a chapter on general information, treating of the general characteristics of the disease-producing organisms, the author classifies his diseases according to hosts, and treats of the principal fungous diseases of cereals, of leguminous plants, of

* By Thomas Milburn, with a prefatory note by E. A. Bessey, pp. 1-118. Longmans, Green and Co., 1915. Price 65 cents net.